

# Nebraska

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**“We have a very business-friendly state, but we need to do additional work to improve our tax competitiveness. In the upcoming legislative session, I will be focused on providing additional tax relief.”**

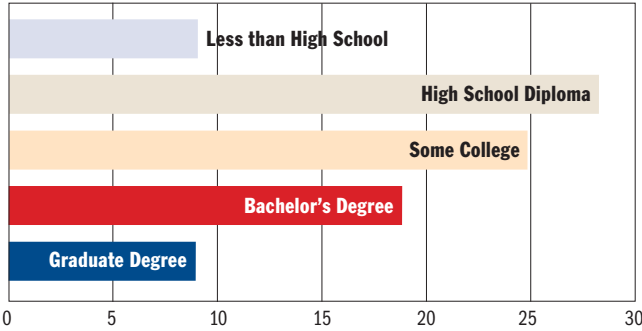
— Gov. Dave Heineman, in an interview with Site Selection, Nov. 2013

**Governor: David Heineman (R) neded.org**

**Right-to-work state: Yes**

**Population 2012:** 1,863,616 **Population growth forecast 2013 thru 2017:** 3.81% **Median household income:** \$55,482 **Median age:** 36.1

## Work Force Education by Percentage



## Rankings that Matter

<b>GDP</b> .....	36 (\$83,393*)
<b>Business Tax Climate</b> .....	34
<b>Small Business Policy</b> .....	39
<b>Career Readiness Certificates</b> .....	37 (737)
<b>High School Graduation</b> .....	16
<b>Health</b> .....	11

\*Real GDP in US millions

## Legislative Update

- In June Gov. Heineman signed into law a bill that includes a provision that would prevent an increase in local sales taxes by a half-cent in Omaha. The bill also offers tax breaks for a Kansas wind energy development company, which Heineman opposed.
- Gov. Heineman signed into law several bills that will bring tax relief, including

the elimination of Nebraska's alternative minimum tax for middle class families, and a measure allowing small businesses to carry forward their net operating losses for 20 years instead of the current policy of five years. Additional tax relief bills include a law expanding the capital gains exclusion for employees whose companies have an Employee Stock Ownership Plan.



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